

## March 1, 2017

February meeting/visit We had an excellent visit to Vermont SportsCar in Colchester Saturday morning February 18. In attendance, we had 20 members of our club and their guests and there were several visitors not related to our club who came along for the tour as well. Brandon Swett headed up our tour of the huge facility which took over two hours. "Team owner" Lance Smith was there also. The company is a Tech Partner of Subaru of America which sponsors and financially backs building of the cars for the various rally car competitions and oval racing venues held all over the United States yearly. There are "Rally Cross" cars with a driver on a short track with heat races and finals. There are also Rally cars with a driver and navigator which race on designated routes on closed courses usually on dirt roads. It takes about six months to build a car which costs upwards of \$300K. They employ 58 full time people. They have several huge shops such as engineering, fabrication and assembly as well as a machine shop plus lots of storage space. In the main storage room is a handmade car called a Shentin Fog which resembles a car like a Packard of the 1930's but was built in 1984 and at one time was displayed at the New York Auto Show and at Stowe.



Should you be interested in TV coverage of events go to launchControl.tv and you will have access to more information and to watch episodes on You Tube.

<u>March Visit/Meeting</u> Harold has given it a good try but the potential Mansfield Heliflight trip in March has not been completed due to lack of correspondence from them. We will simply not have a visit/meeting for this month and count the club lunch as the only March club event. Should Heliflight contact Harold with a date in March we will contact the membership by email or phone.

March Club Luncheon The plan for this year's annual CVSR Club Lunch and Award Ceremony is settled with the date being Saturday March 18 and will be held again at Zachary's Pizza in South Burlington. We will have the private room again. Time is 12:30; we have the room until 2:30. It will be pretty much like last year. We will once again have Paper Plate Awards as well as the Bright Idea Award and Builder's Award. There were co-winners of these awards last year so Bob B and Stan will be getting together to name a winner of this year's Bright Idea winner. Tim and Dan will be coming up with a winner for this year's Builder's Award. As last year, the club Treasury will pay for members and one guest.

<u>Fellow Pages</u> This year's submission of our club members' names and phone numbers has been sent in to the main NSRA office in Memphis.

**<u>2017 Scholarship</u>** We will once again present a \$500 scholarship to a deserving person going on to further his or her education in the automotive field. Dan has sent in a check to VSAC who for the first time will be in charge of determining the winner and relieving our club representatives and three people outside our club from having to do this judging job.

<u>Radio Station</u> At car shows the organizers like to play the music that corresponds with the years of many of the cars in attendance. At a club meeting last summer, we talked about an FM station that had this style of music. Cyrus Martin told us of an FM station we might like. Bob Mummert tells us that this station has recently changed its frequency and format slightly and is now called "Mid-Century Radio" and describes itself as broadcasting "golden oldies music" plus an occasional

country western song. Find it on your FM dial at 103.7 or AM 1070. Call letters are WPLB.

<u>Season Meeting Locations</u> Here comes spring and April when we start having club meetings twice a month. At the lunch coming up on the 18<sup>th</sup> we will have to determine at least a couple of locations for us to go to for the meetings. Please think about hosting a meeting at your place.

<u>Tire Changer</u> There is an electric tire changer available for free. Contact Larry Tyler at 802-524-6431

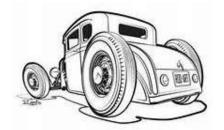
**Book Giveaway** Bob Gockel says this: Art, the book we discussed today is named Audels Automobile Guide. It was copyrighted in 1915 and this edition was printed in 1924. It is questions and answers about automobiles. It is about an inch thick and is in good condition. If you know of anyone that may be interested in this book they can contact me at 802-879-4075. The price is "FREE".

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Yup...lookin' good from the rear too!

